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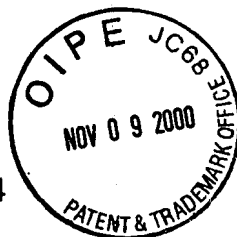
In re the Application of:

PRATER, M.

Application No.: 09/012,674

Filed: January 23, 1998

For: PSEUDO AREA LIGHTS



Art Unit: 2772

Examiner: L. Sealey

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37CFR §1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 9, 2000

Sir:

This amendment responds to the Office Action dated May 10, 2000 (Paper No. 10), the period for response being extended to November 10, 2000 by a Petition for Extension of Time (3 Months), included herewith. Please consider the following remarks with respect to the above-noted application:

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-10 are pending in this application and have been examined. The prior rejections were withdrawn in the last Office Action and a new rejection of the claims was made. Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Nishita et al.* ("Continuous Tone Representation of Three-Dimensional Objects Illuminated by Sky Light", Computer Graphics, Vol. 20, No. 4, August 1986) in view Persistence of Vision®'s Ray-Tracer software ("POV-Ray", 1997). The above rejection is respectfully traversed based on the remarks that follow.